

**2/20/08 - Wednesday, February 20, 2008**

**LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of February 20, 2008**

**Members Present:** Jenny Ebert, Ken Fulgione, Bob Von Haden, Sue Nelson, Ken Ziehr

**Members absent:** John Mann, Katrinka Bourne

**1. Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness for 1408 State Street.** AHMC Asset Management has submitted an application to amend a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 1408 State Street, which is a contributing property within the Third Ward Historic Landmark District. The Commission had previously approved COA 2008-1 pertaining to the restoration of the front porch of the structure.

Mr. Brian Bessinger, from Royal Construction, was present at the meeting and informed that Commission that they had hoped to repair the railing on the second floor of the porch, but found that the condition of the railing was so deteriorated that it would have to be replaced. By replacing the railing, the building code will now require that the railing height be 36 inches minimum. The current height of the railing is 25 inches and 30 inches at the ends and corners.

The Commission discussed the project and possible alternatives to comply with the building code, but minimize any adverse affects on the appearance of the front porch.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Ken Ziehr moved to amend the conditions of approval for COA 2008-1 for the work on the front porch pertaining to the installation of the second floor railing. The replacement railing will be built to match the appearance and style of the original railing, with the lower portion of the top railing having a height of 36 inches with the end portions having a height of approximately 40 inches. The bottom of floor rail for the railing should be raised to 4 inches above the floor and the width of the bottom rail should be increased by approximately 1 inch. Bob Von Haden seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.